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Administrator Marion Blakey  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Room Plaza 401400 Seventh Street, SW.,  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Subject: Docket Number: FAA-2004-18596-366

Dear Administrator Blakey:

I urge you to finalize the proposed rule to permit the use of certain portable oxygen concentrator devices on aircraft.

**I AM AT THE BORDERLINE OF REQUIRING SUPPLEMENTAL OXYGEN AND DO TRAVEL VIA AIR.**

**MY GREATEST FEAR IS THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT THIS CHANGE.**

Over one million Americans have medical conditions that require the use of supplemental oxygen to engage in activities of daily living. With appropriate supplemental oxygen, patients can lead full, productive lives. Many patients enjoy all the travel and leisure activities - except airline travel.

This proposed rule is a step in the right direction to help passengers that require supplemental oxygen travel easier. However the proposed rule should be strengthened by having the FAA require all airlines to permit the use of FAA-approved portable oxygen concentrators. Please ensure the final rule requires FAA-approved portable oxygen concentrators be allowed on board all civilian air travel.

Sincerely,

William Nadolske